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Dylan meets old pals

TAKING a welcome rest from the pressures of the Rothmans Isthmian League, Wycombe Wanderers entertain Cheltenham Town at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday) for a friendly.

Wycombe have kept close ties with the Southern League, Division One (North) club over the years, and several players in action tomorrow have played for both clubs. Wycombe's Dylan Evans scored 25 goals for Town last term and Tony Price has also turned out for them in the past. In the Cheltenham line up is Julian Lailey, who won a couple of England Amateur caps when with the Blues.

Another link between the clubs is formed by Cheltenham's joint-chairmen, Terry Hughes and Peter Smith, who live in Marlow and Beaconsfield.

This term, for the third time in succession, Town have finished third in the table, just missing out on promotion to the Premier Division. They failed to go up by one point last year, but this season the two promoted clubs were decided some time ago. Cheltenham, however, must be looking forward to next season with plenty of confidence.

Recent signings include Ken Skeen, who has been a regular for Oxford United. Skeen has moved to Cheltenham and will be playing for them next term. He has already visited Loakes Park once this season when he helped Oxford defeat Wanderers 2-0 in a friendly.

Two other newcomers to the club are Terry and Derek Evans — identical twins. Cheltenham have good reason for acquiring Terry's services in particular. He once scored five goals when playing for Trowbridge against Town!

Wycombe are likely to give several of their regular players a rest for this game, although final team selection will depend on their fitness after last night's hastily arranged friendly against Croydon.